Noble County, IN Highlights

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time

	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	37,220	39,393	42,607	46,787	47,601
Change Since 1988		2,173	5,387	9,567	10,381
Pct. Change Since 1988		5.8%	14.5%	25.7%	27.9%
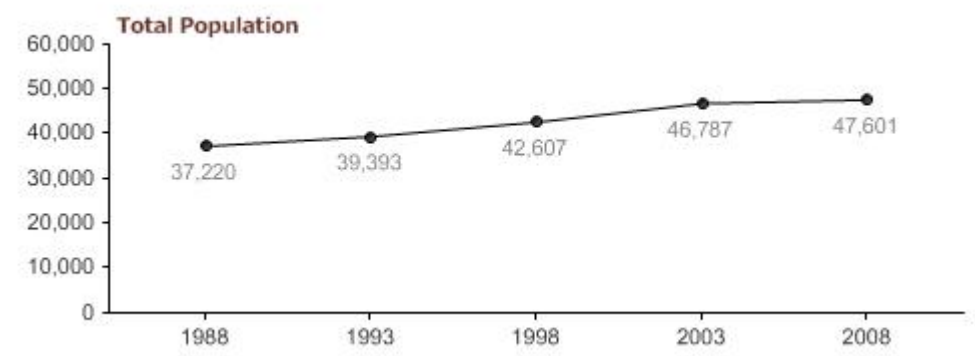
Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-296
International Migration	122
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	306
Births	697
Deaths	391

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	3,426	7.2%
School Age	9,359	19.7%
College Age	3,723	7.8%
Young Adult	13,822	29.1%
Older Adult	11,837	24.9%
Older (65 plus)	5,359	11.3%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	127	0.3%
Asian Alone	261	0.6%
Black Alone	266	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	8	0.0%
White Alone	46,560	98.1%
Two or More Race Groups	304	0.6%

Population by Race

98.12 %	White
0.56 %	Black
0.27 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.55 %	Asian
0.02 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.64 %	Two or More
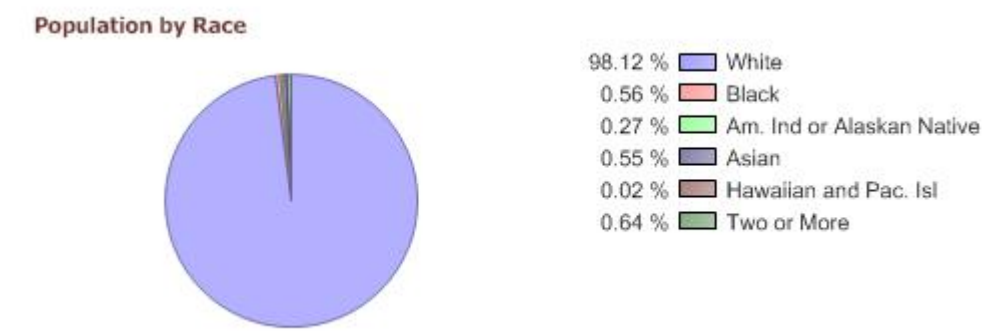
Hispanic or Latino

	Number	Pct. Dist
Non-Hispanic or Latino	42,631	89.8%
Hispanic or Latino	4,895	10.3%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	16,696	100.0%
Family Households	12,294	73.6%
Married with Children	4,834	29.0%
Married without Children	5,210	31.2%
Single Parents	1,408	8.4%
Other	842	5.0%
Non-family Households	4,402	26.4%
Living Alone	3,650	21.9%
Average Household Size	2.78	
Average Family Household Size	3.78	

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical	Pct. Chg.

		Chg.	
1950	25,075	NA	NA
1960	28,162	3,087	12.3%
1970	31,382	3,220	11.4%
1980	35,443	4,061	12.9%
1990	37,877	2,434	6.9%
April 2000	46,275	8,398	22.2%
2008	47,601	1,326	2.9%
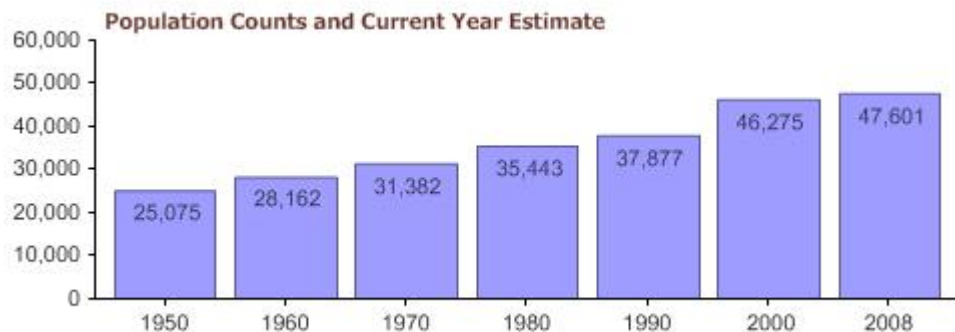
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	47,448	47,830	48,431	49,640	51,144
Change Since 2005		382	983	2,192	3,696
Pct. Change Since 2005		0.8%	2.1%	4.6%	7.8%
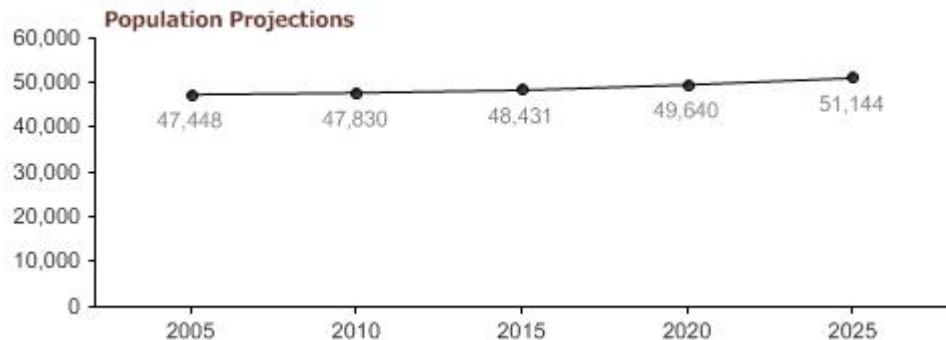
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